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USDA REPORTS COMMODITY LOAN ACTIVITY AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 1997

WASHINGTON, November 12, 1997 -- A report of commodity loan activity for grains, cotton, oilseeds, honey and sugar as of November 4, 1997, was issued today by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Detailed information showing a breakdown of each commodity by state and by farm and warehouse storage is available on the second floor, Main Lobby, of USDA's Kansas City Commodity Office, 9200 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO and from the Economic Policy Analysis Staff of USDA's Farm Service Agency in Room 3740-S, South Building, here.

The data in this weekly report are preliminary and subject to adjustment and verification. Any needed adjustment will be made in the monthly reports of loan activity which USDA issues on or about the 10th working day of the month, depending upon availability of data.

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Price Support Loan Activity Reported as of November 4, 1997 [OCTOBER MONTH-END REPORT]

Item	Wheat	Corn	Grain Sorghum		Barley	Oats	Rye	
	Million Bushels		Mil. Bu.	Mil. Cwt.	Mil. Cwt.		Million Bushels	
1996 Crop								
Put Under Loan	194.2	970.2	20.4	11.4	28.7	1.5		
Redeemed	183.8	948.2	19.8	11.1	26.9	1.4		
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	_	
9-Mo	10.4	22.0	0.6	0.3	1.8	0.1	-	
1997 Crop								
Put Under Loan	162.5	109.2	5.0	2.8	17.5	1.6		
Redeemed	12.6	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.7	0.0		
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
9-Mo	149.9	108.7	4.8	2.7	16.8	1.6	-	
Tot 9-Mo	160.3	130.7	5.4	3.0	18.6	1.7	0.0	
		Cot	ton			Su	gar	
Item	Soybeans	Upland 1/	ELS	Rice	Honey	Beet	Cane	
	Mil. Bu.	1,000 Run	ning Bales	Mil. Cwt.		Million Pounds	•	
1995 Crop			"					
Put Under Loan	181.8	3,478.1	12.6	100.9	54.4	3,805.2	999.9	
Redeemed	181.8	3,474.1	12.6	100.9	54.4	3,805.2	999.9	
Acquired by CCC	0.0	3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
9-Mo	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
1996 Crop								
Put Under Loan	195.9	3,339.4	39.6	68.9		1,167.7	669.9	
Redeemed	194.7	3,328.2	39.6	68.8		1,167.7	669.9	
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
9-Mo	1.2	10.9	0.0	0.1		0.0	0.0	
1997 Crop								
Put Under Loan	80.8	467.7		39.3		164.5	52.4	
Redeemed	0.1	35.5		0.6		17.0	0.0	
Acquired by CCC	0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0	
9-Mo	80.7	432.2	-	38.7		147.5	52.4	
Tot 9-Mo	81.9	443.2	0.0	38.8	0.0	147.5	52.4	

	Sunflower Seed			Canola	Safflower	Mustard					
Item	Oil	Other	Flaxseed	Seed	Seed	Seed	Rapeseed				
	1,000 Cwt.										
1996 Crop											
Put Under Loan	2,076	458	22	96	5						
Redeemed	1,905	403	16	92	5						
Acquired by CCC	7	0	0	0	0						
9-Mo	164	55	6	4	0						
1997 Crop											
Put Under Loan	650	17	28	176		18					
Redeemed	0	0	0	1		0					
Acquired by CCC	0	0	0	0		0					
9-Mo	650	17	28	175	_	18					
Tot 9-Mo	814	72	34	179	0	18					

^{1/}Cotton loans are for 10 months rather than 9 months.